

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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REVIVAL OF PAPER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is importing paper in bulk quantity, despite having huge potential to produce and meet the domestic demand;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor indicating production and export/import of paper during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to make use of latest technology to boost production of paper in the country indicating financial assistance provided during the said period for the purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRIMATI NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a)&(b): No, Madam. However, details of production of paper during last three years and current year (upto June, 2014) and country-wise export / import of paper during each of the last three years and current year (up to September, 2014) are given at Annexure-I & II respectively.

(c): The paper industry is a delicate industry. The unit level decision to make use of latest technology is taken by individual paper mills.